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Speaker Greg J. Curtis  
President John L. Valentine  
Legislative Management Committee  
State Capitol Complex  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

**Subject:** Request for creation and funding of a five-member Prescription Drug Abuse Subcommittee to meet three times during the 2008 interim

Dear Speaker Curtis and President Valentine:

During the 2008 General Session the Legislature passed H.B. 119, "Controlled Substance Database Amendments." H.B. 119 requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to expand the current use of the controlled substance database so that it is capable of receiving and producing real-time data to prevent and track prescription drug abuse. DOPL is required to establish a pilot program by July 1, 2008 that will then be converted to a statewide program no later than July 1, 2010.

After hearing a report on issues related to the statewide database and the problems it is designed to address, the Health and Human Services Interim Committee voted at its April meeting to request approval for creation and funding of a Prescription Drug Abuse Subcommittee to meet three times this interim and study issues related to the implementation of H.B. 119.

We are recommending the subcommittee consist of two senators (one Republican and one Democrat) and three representatives (two Republicans and one Democrat).

Sincerely,

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Senator D. Chris Butters  
Senate Chair,  
Health and Human Services  
Interim Committee

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Representative Paul Ray  
House Chair,  
Health and Human Services  
Interim Committee